

Proposal for recreational resource improvements on Green Mountain National Forest and private property located in Mendon and Killington, VT

In partnership with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and private landowners, Chittenden Dammers, Inc. (CDI) is leading the initiative to create, promote and maintain a multi-season, multi-use recreational trail in and around the town of Killington.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST)
Town of Killington
Killington Resort
Killington Pico Area Association (KPAA)
Killington Mountain Bike Club (KMBC)
Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA)
Killington Grand Resort Hotel
Base Camp Outfitters
The Wobbly Barn Steakhouse & Nightclub
Greenbriar Inn & Gift Shop
The Foundry
The Pickle Barrel
Jax Food & Games
Charity's 1887 Saloon
Chalet Killington
Basin Ski and Sport
Killington Deli
Killington Citgo
Killington Motel
JTT Properties
Casey's Caboose
Mountain Merchant

PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

Kenneth L. Merrell

Bear Force One

The Greenbriar Hotel

Citgo Gas Station/Killington Deli/Post Office

Killington Motel

James T. Theodore

Partridge Family/Pico Pond





TRAIL: LOCATION

The area of focus of this proposal is located to the north and south of Route 4 in the towns of Mendon and Killington. This area includes the zones on the east side of Deer's Leap, west of Route 100, heading towards Willards Gap. Within this zone, existing logging roads would be connected to form a multi-use trail. The trail head would begin on corridor trail 4/7 between RD 32 and RD 650. The trail would travel parallel to Killington Road, ending approximately 5 miles from the intersection of Route 4 in the town of Killington.

TRAIL: ROUTE DETAIL

The trail would travel on Elbow RD, a class 4 municipal road in the Calvin Coolidge State Forest. It would then enter U.S. federal forest land until just before Route 4 where it will travel across private land (see attached map A) and then cross Route 4 near or at the Greenbriar Inn & Gift Shop. The trail would continue on private land parallel to Route 4 at the Citgo gas station and Ken's Deli and convenience store, along the Killington Motel and continue on private land along the western side of Killington Road ending at the business center that includes Choices Restaurant, Domenic's Pizzeria, The Lookout Tavern, Basin Ski, Ride & Bike, Mary Lou's Pizza and Taco X (see attached map B). Along the route, several strategically placed access trails would be created as outlined on the preliminary map (see attached map B). These trails would lead to the majority of businesses on Killington Road. It is anticipated that some of the feeder trails would include a location to park and walk to other businesses located on Killington Road. Other businesses would include restaurants, retail stores, ski shops, bike shops, hotels, gas stations as well as the Killington Grand Resort Hotel.

TRAIL: STATE ROAD CROSSING

We have discussed with VAST the 90-degree crossing on Route 4 and Killington Road and they are of the opinion that snowmobiles have the right to cross as permitted by statute. The Chittenden Dammers, Inc have spoken with Robert Faley, the Southwest Region District Administrator for VTRANS. Based on that conversation, we applied for a permit to cross State Route 4 from address 2057 to 2068 in Killington on September 12, 2022.

TRAIL: LENGTH (EXISTING & NEW)

The proposed new trail would travel approximately 4 +/- miles on U.S. federal forest service land. Approximately 50% of the proposed new trail would follow existing old trails or logging roads. This would result in approximately 2 +/- miles of proposed new trail on U.S. federal forest service land. The proposed new trail would travel approximately 5 +/- miles on private, municipal or other non-federal lands.

TRAIL: ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost to build would be approximately \$95,000. The proposed funding would be from VAST, in-kind donations and volunteer equipment and manpower.

TRAIL: STEWARDSHIP

The trail partner responsible for maintaining and grooming the trail would be The Chittenden Dammers, Inc.

ABOUT THE CHITTENDEN DAMMERS, INC. (CDI)

The Chittenden Dammers, Inc is a local snowmobile club with a 501(c)3 designation. CDI maintains approximately 45 miles of multi-use trails in the Chittenden area of Vermont. CDI promotes snowmobiling, environmental awareness, safety and giving back to the community (see attached CDI outline).

The Chittenden Dammers, Inc is seeking to expand its partnership with the USFS and additional private landowners to create, maintain and groom a multi-use trail to the Killington region for all season use. The organization would work with USFS, VAST, local business, local landowners and other partners to plan and create the trail. The project would be aligned with requirements of the USFS as well as strategically align with the Vermont Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

The town of Killington has expressed full support for this proposed multi-use trail. It is important to the town that all and/or most businesses on Killington Road have access to the trail in some manner (e.g. direct feeder trail, within walking distance of feeder trail, on the bus line, etc.). There are 2 feeder trails noted on the attached map into the Killington business area. The Chittenden Dammers, Inc. would work with the town to determine additional feeder trails to accommodate the town's request.

The town is also aware and in favor of the proposed road crossing on Killington Road and future crossings which may be needed. The town would work with The Chittenden Dammers, Inc to create strategic road crossings and parking areas at the end of feeder trails to allow ready access to bus stops and businesses along Killington Road.

This multi-use trail aligns with the current TIF project as it would dramatically increase commerce to the town of Killington, including a future village. The multi-use trail would allow individuals using the trail ready access to existing and future businesses. (see attached town of Killington endorsement and enhanced support letter)

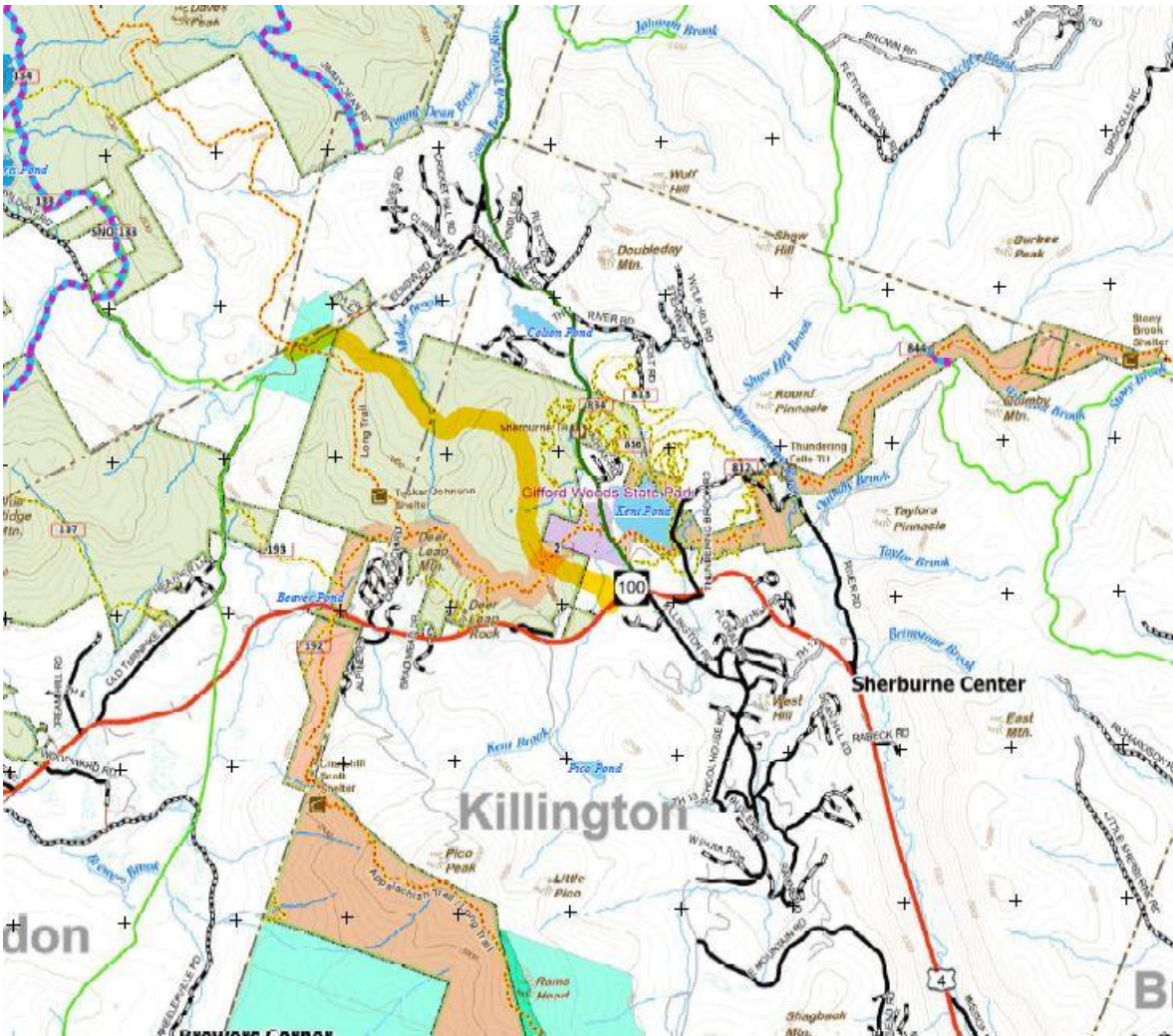
MAPS: INCLUDED BELOW

- Proposed trail map (A) from (CDI) existing corridor trail 4/7, from the north to Route 4 near Greenbriar Inn & Gift Shop
- Proposed trail map (B) from the southside of Route 4 to the trail end near Basin Ski, Ride & Bike, west of Killington Road
- Numbered landowner property map with legend

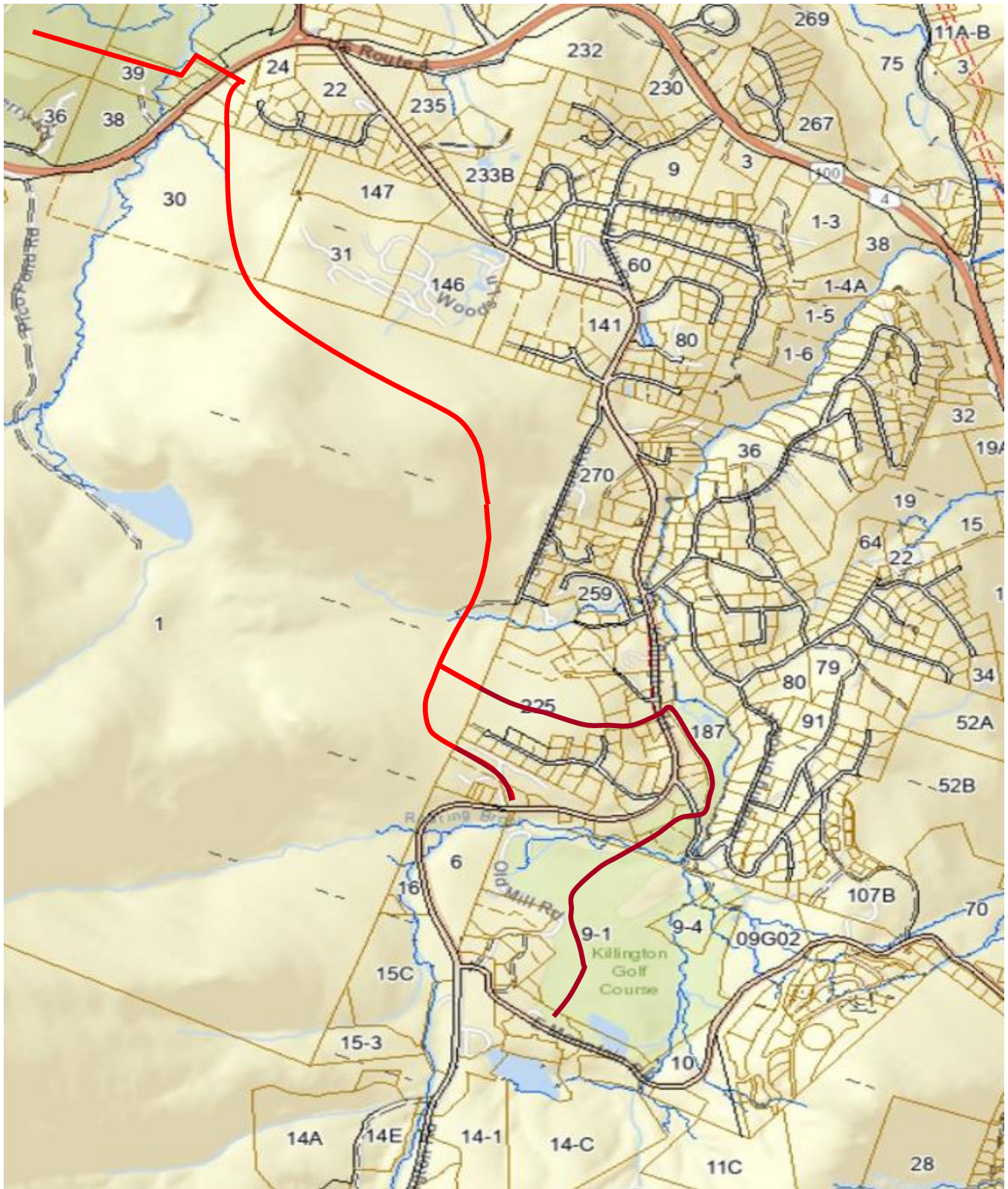
OTHER ITEMS: SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS

- The Chittenden Dammers, Inc outline
- Landowner permission forms from 7 private landowners
- Support letters from 17 entities and individuals
- Town of Killington endorsement and enhanced support letter

PROPOSED TRAIL MAP (A) NORTH OF ROUTE 4



PROPOSED TRAIL MAP (B) ROUTE 4 CROSSING AND SOUTH OF ROUTE 4



NUMBERED LANDOWNER PROPERTY MAP

<u>PRIVATE LANDOWNERS</u>	<u>PROPERTY NUMBER</u>
Kenneth L. Merrell	39
Bear Force One	43
The Greenbriar Hotel	44 & 44B
Citgo Gas Station/Killington Deli/Post Office	25 & 26
Killington Motel	27
James T. Theodore	28
The Partridge Family/Pico Pond	30 & 1

